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(C) UNHCR's Protection Officer Asako Nozawa told Poloff that the UNHCR is closing today. On April 11 the Uzbek Mission to the United Nations in New York delivered a note verbale to UN headquarters agreeing to UNDP's proposal to assume some of UNHCR's responsibilities (reftel). Nozawa told Poloff that Secretary General Kofi Annan had intervened to support the

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UNDP proposal. Nozawa added that four local UNHCR staff members will continue working in Tashkent, while she will relocate to Bishkek. Head of Mission Abdul Karim Ghoul told Poloff he is definitely leaving the region and has no plans to return.

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